

Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to require their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary very shortly before the election. I cannot imagine how this is happening in the USA! This is the kind of thing we decry in numerous dictatorships around the world.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is shameful that this company is presenting a one-sided, highly biased view of John Kerry with no counterpoint. This is not the mandate of a publically financed network and it should not be the mission of said network to influence public elections from a single perspective. Instead of something produced in remote headquarters at some distance from our communities we should be viewing and listening to intelligent debate amongst individuals in our area who can present both sides of any issue.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.